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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

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TO: Chief Circuit Judges, Chief Probate Judges, and Presiding Family Division Judges  
cc: Court Administrators, Family Division Administrators, Juvenile Registers, and Clerks

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SUBJ: Electronic Juvenile Disposition Reporting

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Public Acts 187 and 188 of 2001 (effective April 1, 2002) and Public Acts 203 and 204 of 2001 (effective October 1, 2002) amended requirements for reporting case disposition information to the Criminal Justice Information Center of the Michigan State Police (see SCAO Administrative Memorandum 2002-01 issued March 22, 2002). Over the next few months, the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) will be discussing at regional juvenile judges' and court administrators' meetings the need to report juvenile case dispositions electronically. SCAO staff will also be following up with courts to ensure that available electronic functions are fully utilized. Please discuss this with your administrators, registers, and/or clerks to ensure that steps are taken to implement electronic reporting.

Using National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) funds as part of the state and national effort to support homeland security by improving the reporting of criminal history information, SCAO has been working with courts and counties to develop a statewide judicial network and the means to report criminal dispositions electronically. Computer equipment has been provided and connections to the state "local government network" (LGNet) have either been established or will soon be complete in 38 counties, with another 14 to follow in the first quarter of 2003.

Courts using Judicial Information Systems (JIS) circuit and juvenile software currently have the capability to report dispositions electronically and training has been offered. Additionally, in the 38 counties targeted to date, SCAO is providing grant funding to courts using other software to modify their programs to support electronic reporting.

We believe these new electronic capabilities provide courts the most effective way to meet these new juvenile reporting requirements and again ask your support for this program.